societies and export promotion etc. Recently launched "Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana" (AHVY) seeks to develop selected artisans clusters into professionally managed self-reliant community enterprises working on the principle of effective member participation and mutual cooperation and aims to achieve sustainable development of the artisan clusters.

Complaints against purchase of cotton by CCI to Vigilance Commissioner

1540. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a complaint was made to the Vigilance Commissioner regarding the purchase of cotton by CCI at Wankaner in the year 2002;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the Vigilance Commission; and

(c) what steps have been taken against the officials responsible for such purchases of cotton?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The complaint was enquired into and advice of the Central Vigilance Commission was sought on the investigation report. The Commission on consideration of the investigation report endorsed closure of the case.

(c) In view of (b) above, no action against any official of CCI is required. However, on the advice of Central Vigilance Commission, instructions have been reiterated to all the Branch Offices that purchases of Kapas under MSP (Minimum Support Price) be carried out only from the Market Yards in the presence of APMC (Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee) Officials.